



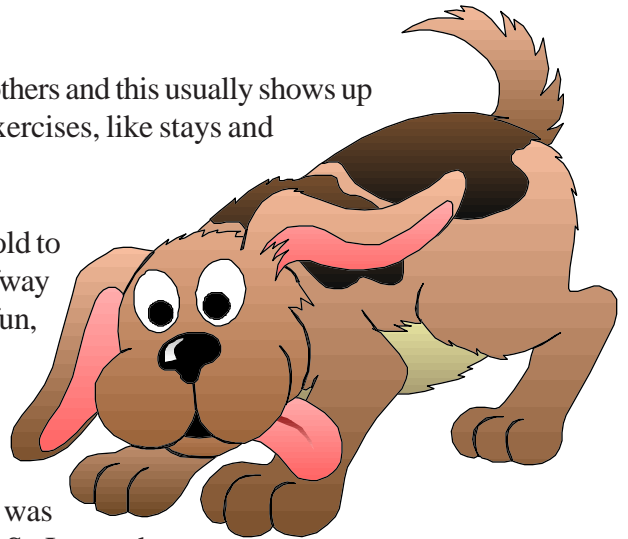
Obedience and Your USAR Dog

By Dian Quist Sulek

Everyone has exercises that seem tedious or just aren't as FUN as others and this usually shows up in your dogs performance! Mine are the stationary and control exercises, like stays and teaching my dog to slow down.

This winter we played a fun game, in the house, when it was too cold to play outside. I taught my dog stairs which has come to mean go halfway up the stairs and wait til I toss a treat through the railing. That was fun, but soon got old.

I added, making my dog go the top of the stairs and then told him to sit, or down and stay. I pushed this a littler farther by making him sit or down, at the top of the stairs, and while I was out-of-sight. That was fun, but since I really don't like the cold I had to teach him more. So I started sending him up the stairs, and directing him down the hallway and into various rooms, making him sit or down in the rooms. I stayed at the bottom of the stairs as much as possible, and when he needed help I went halfway up the stairs.



We worked a lot on sits and downs, and a lot on stop before we ever attempted anything out-of-sight!

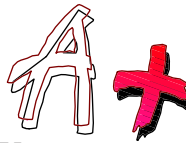
Now, from the easy chair in the living room, I can direct my dog up the stairs and down the hallway and into the end bedroom, and tell him to sit or down, and stay. I can also call him to me, stopping him anywhere on the way, even down the stairs, and make him take one step at a time!

Am I pleased with what my dog has learned?..... Yes.

Am I pleased that I was able to teach this to my dog?..... Yes.

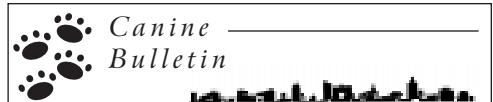
Am I confident that my dog will do what I tell him?.....Most of the time.

Am I confident that my dog will do these exercises anywhere but in my house and on my stairs?.....NO WAY!!



This was a fun training, and we had a good time with it, but to feel confident of my dogs knowledge and performance I know I need to train him in different places, with different distractions.

The weather is warmer now - time to start over!!



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A Dog's Bill of Rights

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- I have the right to give and receive unconditional love.
- I have the right to a life that is beyond mere survival.
- I have the right to be trained so I do not become the prisoner of my own misbehavior.
- I have the right to adequate food and medical care.
- I have the right to fresh air and green grass.
- I have the right to socialize with people and dogs outside my family.
- I have the right to have my needs and wants respected.
- I have the right to a special time with my people.
- I have the right to only be bred responsibly if at all.
- I have the right to be foolish and silly, and to make my person laugh.
- I have the right to earn my person's trust and be trusted in return.
- I have the right to be forgiven.
- I have the right to die with dignity.
- I have the right to be remembered well.

CAL OES August Evaluation

CAL OES will hold an evaluation at an undetermined Bay Area location, dependant on rubble. The dates are August 21 - 22nd, 1999. It is felt that the location will be decided within the next few weeks. Point of contact will be Lynne J. Englebert, Training Officer. For more information contact John Huff at (402) 441-8351.

Canine Health Record Requirements

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the Canine Health Record Requirements Form. Please feel this out and return to John Huff by July 28th.

